

2014 NJ Trout Stocking Program

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The Division's 2014 spring trout stocking program has been modified due to the outbreak of a fish disease (furunculosis) at the Pequest Trout Hatchery. The Division has implemented a plan to control the disease at the hatchery, but it is necessary to modify the trout stocking program this spring in order to conserve and protect our wild trout resources and other year round trout fisheries. In order to protect priority trout resources, no trout will be stocked in Trophy Trout Lakes, Holdover Trout Lakes and certain trout production streams, or waters directly connected to them. These year round fisheries will still provide anglers excellent trout fishing opportunities this spring. Trout waters still scheduled to be stocked will be allocated the hatchery's supply of negative trout (never documented to have the bacterium). As there is a limited number of negative trout the traditional seven-week in-season stocking season has been shortened to four in-season weeks.

Other waters traditionally stocked with trout that do not support trout year round (primarily lakes and ponds in the eastern, central, and southern areas of the state) have been allocated more trout than usual this spring as trout treated for furunculosis cannot be utilized in waters with existing trout populations. These waters will receive an additional allocation of trout prior to opening day and an additional stocking the week following opening day.

The Division reminds anglers that there are no human health risks associated with the bacterium, *Aeromonas salmonicida*, that causes this disease and recommends anglers consult Division's website for any additional changes to the 2014 trout stocking program.

Scheduled Changes Include:

In order to protect existing trout population present the following waters **will not be** stocked with trout in Spring 2014. Anglers are reminded these waters support year round trout fisheries and still provide anglers trout fishing opportunities.

Trophy Trout Lakes

Merrill Creek Reservoir
Round Valley Reservoir

Holdover Trout Lakes

Clinton Reservoir
Lake Aeroflex
Lake Wawayanda
Sheppard Lake
White Lake

Trout Production Streams

Beaver Brook (Hunterdon)
Buckhorn Creek
Capoolong Creek
Franklin Pond Creek
Furnace Brook
Hakihohake Creek

Hackettstown Hatchery (connected)

Trout Brook (Hackettstown)

India Brook
Little Flat Brook
Lopatcong Creek
Mulhockaway Creek
Peapack Brook
Pequannock River
Rockaway Creek S/Br
S/Br Raritan River – upstream Lake Solitude Dam
Spruce Run Creek
Trout Brook (Middleville)
Wanaque River - Lower
Whippany River

Directly connected to Trout Production Streams

Barbours Pond
Blue Mtn. Lake
Beaver Brook (Morris)
Drakes Brook
Green Turtle Pond
Furnace Lake
Hibernia Brook
Manny's Pond
Mountain Farm Pond
Passaic River – White Bridge Rd to Rt 24 Bridge, Chatham Borough
Pond Brook
Pophandusing Creek
Russia Brook
Saddle River (Upper/Lower)
Silver Lake (Sussex)
Speedwell Lake
Stony Lake